

## Grandmother's Tales.

They're not the least like story book tales,  
Because they're quite true, you know;

For grandmother knew all about it herself,

When she was a child, long ago.

She makes you feel as though you'd been there,

And forget that you're living just now;

You never once think of the grey in her hair,

Or the wrinkles across her brow.

When she begins, "Well—now let me think,"

And crosses her hands in her lap,  
We children sit so quiet and still,  
Just like she's taking a nap.

Because, she says, if we interrupt,  
Perhaps she might lose the thread,

And before she'd be able to find it  
Mother might put us to bed.

And so we wait till she shuts her eyes,

And makes her rocking chair go;  
Then we know in a minute that she will say,

"When I was a child, long ago."

Then she tells of the boys and girls  
Not the least little bit like us;

And how they would do the dread-  
fullest things  
And never get into a fuss.

But grandmother says they were  
not really bad,

Only light-hearted, you know;  
I wonder what their mother would say

When she was a child, long ago.

Sometimes when we ask about differ-  
ent things,  
She gives such a queer little laugh

And says, "I will tell you some other  
time, dear.

Children now are too clever by  
half."

I wish we'd been born when grand-  
mother was,

And had played with the chil-  
dren she knew,

And then we'd have been in the  
stories she tells,  
And perhaps could be telling  
them, too.

But grandmother gathers us close  
in her arms,

And says things are better just so  
For the children she knew grew  
tired of play,

And went to their rest long ago."

—Mary Elhott, in Rural Magazine.

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## Brain Leaks.

Envy is the tribute that medi-  
ocrity pays to ability.

A bore is a man who insists up-  
on talking about the north pole  
when you want to talk about the  
tariff.

The best strikebreaker is arbitra-  
tion.

Some of these days organized la-  
bor will realize that ignorance has  
cost it more than the oppression of  
capital.

The average girl learns to bake a  
fancy cake long before she learns  
to bake good biscuits—and too  
many of them stop at the fancy  
cake.

Our real friends gently tell us of  
our faults—and then we no longer  
consider them our friends.

Flattery is the food that fools fat-  
ten upon.

When you begin forgetting the  
day of your birth it is a sign that  
you are growing old.

The man who quits when he has

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earned all he gets is forever getting  
no more than he earns.

After all, is it really work when  
we take pleasure in a task?

Banks can afford to keep open  
short hours because the interest  
works all the time.

The aeronaut is worthy of his  
higher.

What makes us tired when we  
go to a trained animal show is to  
see some lowbrowed trainer take all  
the applause we give for the brutes'  
cleverness.

The pathway is never dark to the  
traveler who goes forth with a heart  
full of hope.

The averaged woman's idea of a  
good neighbor is one who always  
sends back a little more than she  
borrowed.

A man does not have to cringe  
in order to be humble.

It isn't charity to give unless the  
giving entails a little bit of sacri-  
fice.

We would gladly join in celebrat-  
ing the anniversary of the good  
woman who invented the pumpkin  
pie.

The job we haven't got is always  
the one we think we could perform  
the best.

A well trained conscience heeds  
no accuser.

A lot of people who never prac-  
tice harmony on earth expect to  
play harps in heaven.—Ex.

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Colorado Springs, Colo., where he  
expects to remain until spring.  
Wat is going there for the benefit  
of his health and his many friends  
sincerely hope he will be greatly  
benefited.—Stoutsville Banner.

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## The Zoological Orchestra.

The turkey plied the drumsticks,  
while

The puppy took the bones;  
The bullfrog played an instrument  
That gave the lowest tones.

The elephant could trumpet, and  
The fiddler was a crab;

The Katy-did a song and dance  
Upon a graveyard slab.

The inch-worm counted measures,  
while

The woodwind turned the leaves;  
The quail, he had to whistle, for  
Those mocking-birds are thieves.

The yellow-jacket's organ point  
Was rather sharp and thin;  
The kitten brought an article  
To string the violin.

The cow tossed off a solo, for  
No one could low so well;

Her horn was blew and tipped with  
brass;  
She also rang the bell.

The bee could play upon the comb;  
They wish he hadn't come,

For all the music that he knew  
Was "Hum, Sweet Hum."

—Harvey Worthington Loomis, in  
Success Magazine.

Plenty of good lump coal from  
car or bin, nothing better to hold  
fire. See Lewis Nash.

## How to Make Tea.

Tea is responsible for many ills,  
especially among women. While  
it is the simplest matter in the  
world to make tea properly, it is  
unhealthfully prepared more often  
than otherwise. Tea is absolutely  
unfit to drink when the brewing  
process proceeded beyond a certain  
point and tannin is liberated, but if  
care is taken the evils of moderate  
tea-drinking may be reduced to a  
minimum. The old rule which  
calls for a teaspoonful for each per-  
son and one for the pot is unthink-  
able from the standpoint of the  
modern dietitian. Such a brew is  
ruinous to the skin, stomach and  
nervous system.

To make the tea properly and as  
nearly as can be hygienically, buy  
good tea, preferably black. Heat  
the receptacle in which the tea is  
to be made with hot water, use one  
teaspoonful or less of tea to a pint  
of boiling water, allow the water to  
remain in contact with the leaves  
five minutes, then pour off and use  
at once. Never put the tea-pot di-  
rectly in contact with intense heat.

A very safe and satisfactory way of  
making tea is by the use of the tea-  
ball, as very little tannin contami-  
nates the beverage thus made. The  
abuse of tea is common and a fer-  
tile source of serious nervous dis-  
ease. The habit of giving tea and  
coffee to young children is little  
short of criminal.

While on the subject of bever-  
ages let me remind you of butter-  
milk. The beauties of three gener-  
ations back looked on buttermilk  
as an invaluable aid to their charm.  
They used it as a wash and they  
drank it freely. While it does not  
appeal to our modern ideas of  
cleanliness to bathe in it, we still  
consider buttermilk one of the most  
healthful foods.

Let me suggest a few luncheon  
menus for our girls who want to  
look wholesome and feel well. For  
instance, try a glass of sweet milk  
or buttermilk with Boston brown  
bread, between thinly cut slices of  
which cream cheese has been  
spread. If these sandwiches are  
made at home, variety may be ob-  
tained by adding to the cheese a  
few chopped nuts, a little chopped  
sweet pepper, a few pistachio nuts,  
etc.—Dr. Jean Williams in Woman's  
Home Companion for Jan-  
uary.

Roll in a dollar and let us send  
the Democrat to some friend.

## Housekeeping Rhymes.

Are your sinks and bathtubs grimy?  
You can make them bright and  
clean

If you'll rub them well with borax,  
or a little kerosene.

Are your looking glasses dingy, and  
your window-panes?

Kerosene will act like magic on  
those ugly specks and stains.

Has your matting lost its freshness?  
Wipe it well with weak salt water

'Twill restore its pristine hue.

Is your parlor carpet's glory a thing  
of yesterday?

Scatter wet tea-leaves upon it just  
before you sweep. 'Twill pay.

Are your irons rough and smutty?  
Rub them thoroughly with salt.

You will marvel at how quickly  
this will remedy each fault.

Are your steak and your fried chick-  
en often much too tough to eat?

Keep them covered well while cook-  
ing and you'll have delicious meat.

Does your cake burn at the bottom?  
Put the stove-rack on the floor

Of your oven, 'neath the cake pan,  
and your cake will burn no more.

If perchance your cake is likely to  
be burnt upon the top,

Place a pan of water o'er it and the  
trouble then will stop.

Does your frosting run? Then follow  
this—an often-tested rule,—

Never, never frost your layers until  
they have gotten cool. — Ex.

What Cities Are Represented By—

A piece of carpet? Brussels.

A bit of red pepper? Cayenne.

A cigar? Havana.

A new boat? Newark.

A number of newspapers? Read-  
ing.

A fine straw hat? Leghorn.

A roll of wrapping paper? Manila.

A key and weather vane pointing  
westward? Key West.

A peanut shell? Hull.

A sofa bed? Davenport.

A piece of cardboard? Bristol.

A can marked 2,240 pounds?  
Canton.

A cord tied to a bell? Belfast.

A champagne bottle cork? Cork.

A small stone? Little Rock.

A dish of salt water? Salt Lake.

A piece of liver in a pan of  
water? Liverpool.—St. Louis Chris-  
tian Advocate.

## Try Missouri.

There are apples on the trees

In Missouri.

There is fragrance in the breeze

In Missouri.

They have sunshine, they have

snows,

Anything's that's planted grows.

Everything that's started goes

In Missouri.

Every fellow wears a smile

In Missouri.

You can tell 'em for a mile

In Missouri.

They're not always on the make;

If you're broke you'll get a stake—

Hospitality's no fake

In Missouri.

Everybody's on the square

In Missouri.

You'll get justice over there

In Missouri.

If you only do your part

You can enter every heart.

With or without "Cupid's dart"

In Missouri.

They will take you by the hand,

Show you 'round to beat the band

And you'll know just where you  
stand In Missouri.

—George M. Spreading, in the De  
Soto Republican.

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piciously blue."

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